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78 BUDGET ESTIMATES TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REFERENCE: A. KINGSTON 1073 B. KINGSTON 0771 C. 76 KINGSTON A-67

1. ON APRIL 28 MINISTER OF STATE SYDNEY PAGON IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TOTAL ESTIMATES OF J\$1,271.6 MILLION FOR THE 1977/78 BUDGET YEAR. LATEST REVISED ESTIMATES FOR THE 1976/77 BUDGET YEAR ARE \$1,268 MILLION, REPRESENTING A MARGINAL INCREASE OF \$3.6 MILLION. A BREAKDOWN COMPRISES A GROSS PROVISION OF \$845.8 MILLION AS RECURRENT EXPENDITURE AND \$493.9 AS CAPITAL; NET PROVISIONS ARE \$835.1 MILLION AND \$436.5 MILLION RESPECTIVELY.

2. MAJOR ALLOCATIONS GO TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WITH A TOTAL OF \$386 MILLION. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IS NEXT WITH \$197 MILLION FOLLOWED BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WITH \$118.1 MILLION. OTHER MAJOR ALLOCATIONS ARE: MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT \$103.9 MILLION, MINISTRY OF HEALTH \$101.6 MILLION, NATIONAL SECURITY \$90.2 MILLION, WORKS \$75.6 MILLION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT \$55.4 MILLION.

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3. CONTAINED IN THE ALLOCATION GRANTED TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE ARE PROVISIONS OF \$23.1 MILLION FOR AN EMERGENCY FOOD PRODUCTION PLAN OF WHICH AMOUNT \$18 MILLION IS EARMARKED TO BRING AN ADDITIONAL 36,490 ACRES OF IDLE LAND INTO PRODUCTION OF SUCH CROPS AS GREEN LEGUMES, ROOT CROPS, CEREAL AND VEGETABLES; A PROVISION OF \$345,275 FOR A

REICE EXPANSION PROJECT; \$34.9 MILLION FOR CROP DEVELOPMENT; \$5.6 MILLION TO FINANCE CONTINUATION OF THE MICRO-DAM AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS; \$4 MILLION FOR THE SUBSIDY ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR SMALL FARMERS; \$2.5 MILLION LOAN TO THE BANANA BOARD TO HELP FINANCE DEVELOPMENT OF BANANAS; AND A \$7.3 MILLION LOAN TO THE FROME/MONYMUSK LAND COMPANY LTD. TO MEET OPERATIONAL DEFICITS.

4. IN THE ALLOCATIONS TO THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, A TOTAL OF \$25 MILLION IS PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL PROGRAM OF LABOR INTENSIVE PROJECTS. ANOTHER \$8 MILLION IS PROVIDED TO MEET THE FIRST YEAR OF A 3 1/2-YEAR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT WHICH INCLUDES REORGANIZATION OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE; LAND REFORM ON THE BASIS OF LEASEHOLD RATHER THAN FREEHOLD; UPGRADING OF THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE INVOLVING IMPROVEMENT AND EXTENSION OF RURAL FEEDER ROADS, MARKET FACILITIES; WATER SUPPLIES AND WASTE DISPOSAL.

5. OF THE \$18.9 MILLION ALLOCATED TO THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, THERE IS A CAPITAL PROVISION OF \$2.5 MILLION ASSIGNED TO THE JAMAICA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (JIDC) FOR THE SMALL BUSINESSES LOAN BOARD TO UNDERTAKE CERTAIN PROJECTS, AND \$1 MILLION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR COMMUNITY-TYPE PROCESSING PLANTS RELATED TO AGRO-INDUSTRY. THE JIDC WILL ALSO GET \$145,000 TO ESTABLISH A UNIT TO PROMOTE THE GARMENT INDUSTRY BOTH LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS; A LOAN OF \$800,000 TO ESTABLISH A COTTON/POLYESTER PROJECT; AND \$300,000 TOWARD WORKING CAPITAL FOR FIVE SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES INVOLVED IN FOOD PROCESSING.

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6. INCLUDES IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS' ALLOCATION OF \$25.1 MILLION IS A GRANT OF \$8.5 MILLION TO THE JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD AND \$1.1 MILLION TO THE TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COMPANY. JUST OVER \$3.3 MILLION IS TO BE USED FOR FINANCING HOTEL COMPANIES SUCH AS TRELAUNY RESORTS, JAMAICA PEGASUS, SHERATON-KINGSTON, ROSE HALL (HOLIDAY INN) AND ROSE HALL INTERCONTINENTAL.

7. OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT'S ALLOCATION OF \$55.4 MILLION, \$11 MILLION HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO CONTINUE THE EXPANSION PROGRAMS AT BOTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, \$2.1 MILLION TO THE JAMAICA RAILWAY CORPORATION AND \$6 MILLION TO BE SPENT ON THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM.

8. THE NEW MINISTRY OF NATIONAL MOBILIZATION AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WAS ALLOCATED ONLY \$420,650, AND ANOTHER NEW MINISTRY, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, WAS ALLOCATED

\$2.4 MILLION - ALL OF WHICH FOR RECURRENT EXPENSES IN THESE MINISTRIES.

9. BELOW IS A TABLE LISTING BUDGET ALLOCATIONS SHOWING RECURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:

DEPARTMENTS/PORTFOLIOS	RECURRENT	CAPITAL	TOTALS
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GOVERNOR-GENERAL	\$ 151,530	-	\$ 151,530
AUDIT	927,290	-	927,290
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS	WNRIQNIWP	-	2,481,820
SERVICES COMMISSION	990,110	-	990,110
PRIME MINISTER	14,889,050	125,000	15,014,050
NATIONAL MOBILIZATION	420,650	-	420,650
FOREIGN AFFAIRS	12,030,720	13,068,520	25,099,240
FINANCE & PLANNING	178,957,965	207,018,290	385,976,255
PUBLIC SERVICE	27,916,470	4,334,690	30,251,160
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AGRICULTURE	36,920,170	81,154,800	118,074,970
MINING	3,839,020	1,654,740	5,493,760
INDUSTRY & COMMERCE	8,535,160	10,381,440	18,916,600
PUBLIC UTILITIES &			
TRANSPORT	26,597,410	28,795,030	55,392,440
WORKS	31,460,580	44,142,100	75,602,680
HOUSING	4,461,400	37,783,370	42,244,770
EDUCATION	174,318,020	22,701,250	197,019,270
YOUTH AND SPORTS	28,992,690	5,676,470	34,669,160
LABOUR	2,811,330	100,000	2,911,330
HEALTH	92,224,444	9,372,550	101,596,994
NATIONAL SECURITY	86,999,920	3,179,000	90,178,920
JUSTICE	19,521,600	4,047,000	23,568,600
LOCAL GOVERNMENT	81,576,160	22,335,700	103,911,860
SOCIAL SECURITY	8,765,940	-	8,765,940

TOTALS: \$845,789,449 \$493,869,950 \$1,339,659,399

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